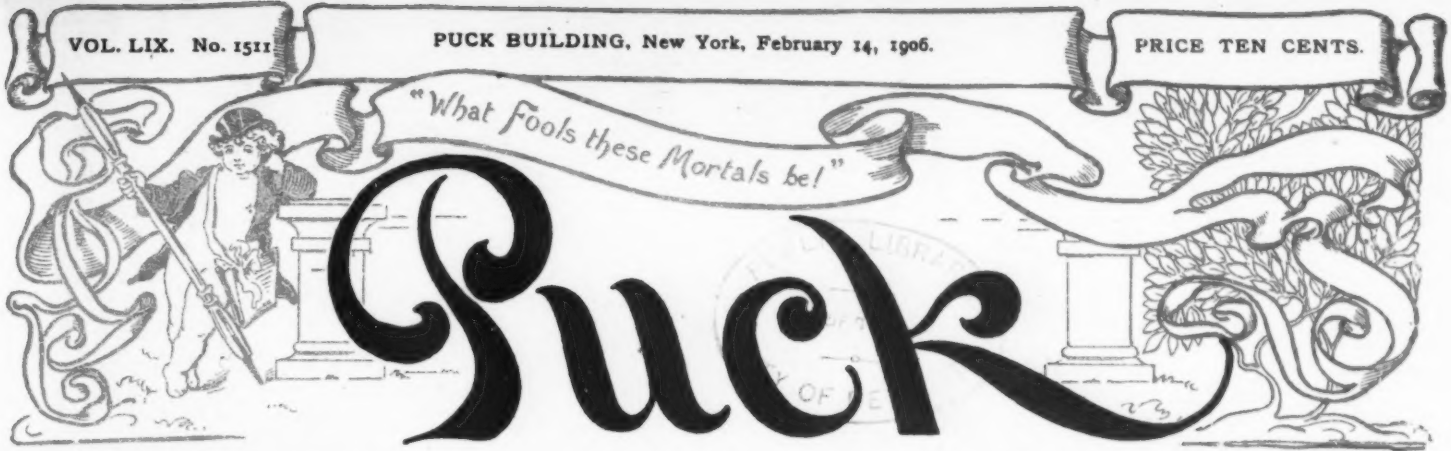


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"What Fools These Mortals Be!"

THE FASHIONABLE crime this eventful winter is perjury.

SENATOR CRANE's scheme for government supervision of children will probably raise the question, Are children inter-state commerce?

COUNT BONI's friends and lawyers claim that he was only "indiscreet." It is certainly indiscreet to lose a rich wife, or even to run the risk of it.

THE ATTACKS upon the Senate in the magazines of late have had the expected result. The Senate is deeply and properly indignant. With the honorable achievements of Messrs. Burton, Mitchell and Depew in mind, how could the Senate be otherwise than indignant?

ANOTHER GREAT coal strike is seemingly inevitable. Will the Stand-Patters wait till a famine is on and with winter fast approaching grudgingly remove the tariff on anthracite; or will they really show a slight regard for some other interests save those of President Baer and do it sooner?

THE HON. DOVENER of West Virginia proposes to extend the pension list so as to include all army teamsters, and our neighbor *The Sun* amiably inquires, Who will be first to urge the righteous claims of the army mule? The strong point in pensioning the army mule is this: we might include in the list of beneficiaries not only the survivors of the Civil War, but the gnarled and grizzled veterans of the war with Mexico, Black Hawk's war, 1812, and the Revolution.

THE AERO CLUB will make its ascensions from Tuxedo. The proper dress for aeronauts will be a dinner jacket.

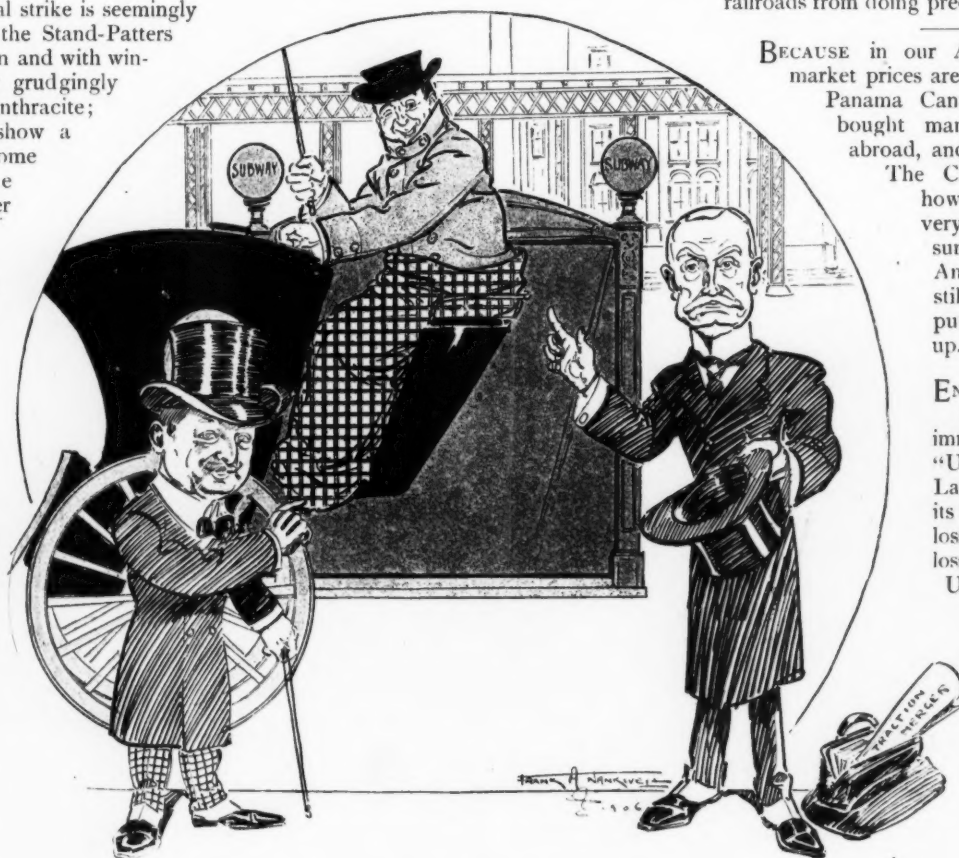
IN TURNING down an unusually persistent interviewer King Alfonso of Spain is reported to have said: "I am well disposed toward journalists in general, but you must surely see that you are behaving indecorously in trying to force yourself on me at such a time." What an improvement is this on the American, "Nothin' to say!"

IN THE matter of rate regulation President Roosevelt prefers the Hepburn Bill to all other measures, but he is open to conviction, it is said, as to the weakness of any of its features. Some able gentleman will endeavor to show him that any feature is "weak"—deplorably so—in a rate bill which prevents the railroads from doing precisely as they please.

BECAUSE in our American tariff-fed market prices are much too high, the Panama Canal Commission has bought many of its supplies abroad, and at a great saving. The Canal Commissioner, however, is a big and very special sort of consumer. The little American consumer still has the privilege of putting up or shutting up.

EN ROUTE from place to place, names immaterial, the statue "Unconsciousness," by Launt Thompson, lost its head. In this case, loss of head followed loss of consciousness. Usually it is the other way. One loses one's head and then loses consciousness. Statues, however, are privileged characters.

BEEF À LA MODE: Turn States Evidence against yourself and claim immunity.



TAKE A CAB.

RYAN AND BELMONT.—If you don't like the way we run your car lines, you New Yorkers know what you can do.

THE COLONEL.—Now, then, this Van Stuyverbilt ball to night is the biggest function of the winter, and we want all the facts and fancies. You, Snoops, will sneak in as a footman and jot down the coat room gossip on your cuffs. You, Peeper, will make one of the band of performing Indians, and camp on Mrs. Van Stuyverbilt's trail. You, Rubberby, will go as a Pinkerton detective and write the introduction. You, Nosie, will worm in as a Spanish tambourine player, and see if

you can't tree a few coons for *Fads and Fancies*. Sneakington, you're assigned to do the gowns and jewels. You, Theresa, will go as a dishwasher and report the backstairs gossip. You, Simian, will take a letter of introduction to Harry. When you are served with the dessert pretend to fall asleep among the flowers, and memorize the table talk after the bunch is soured. Get your copy in early, all of you, so we can cut Roper's stuff.

THE Cloud Compeller finished reading his reports, and turned to the winged messenger who fluttered in attendance beside him. "Tell Boreas he'll have to puff up a bit," he said. "The Oldest Inhabitant has n't sneered at the weather for a month."

PRINCESS, a word with you, if haply I
May whisper it when no one's standing by.
There's been enough of diplomatic wooing:
Alfonso, now, and not the King, is suing.
Ena — *Caramba!* here's another fellow
To interview me for a journal yellow.
(Please go away. I'm busy, don't you see.
I'm very much engaged — or hope to be.)
Princess, as I remarked a spell ago,
A diplomatic courtship's rather slow.
And so I'm here to-day at Love's command
To whisper — may I take your little hand? —
To whisper — *Madre de Dios!* what was that?
A flashlight photo! Oh! . . . Where was I at?
Oh, yes; to whisper, Princess, that I — Hist!
Here comes another snooping journalist.
Was ever woman in this humor wooed?
Was ever there a lover so pursued?
(Sir, I have absolutely naught to say.
En buen tiempo, Señor — not to-day.)
Alone at last! Ena, I love you! Quick,
One kiss! I thought I heard a camera click!
What's that? — "Oh, let 'em click." Me, too,
Sweet, Come,
Another — yet another. Yum! yum! yum!

*B. L. T.*

PREHISTORIC KID.—Say, Mister, lift my valentine into the mail-box, will you? I've got it this far.

"WHY does Senator Smugg so steadily advocate railroad rate regulation, while Senator Hooks so strenuously opposes it? They can't both be right!"

"Oh, yes, they are—from the Senatorial standpoint. Senator Smugg does not own a railroad and Senator Hooks does."

Alimony is the insurance a twoman collects after love is dead and buried.

HOW TO GET STRONG WITHOUT SPENDING A CENT.



I.
An exercise for home-bound suburbanites. Raise left leg as in diagram, and with forward body motion, bring left foot down in the mud.



II.
Lean well over and grasp left leg with both hands, thus. Tug at it smartly till the left foot is free and the right foot is stuck.



III.
Now repeat process with the right leg, and alternate, left, right, left, right, being careful to bring all the muscles into play, until—



IV.
—A warm, healthy glow steals over the whole body. Continue the exercise till you begin to feel tired, but don't overdo it; when you are tired, stop.



SPEAKING OF BRUTALITY.

FULLY CONVINCED, after reading the daily press carefully, that football possessed numerous drawbacks as a sport for students, the college professors determined to hold a meeting. In due course of time the conference was arranged and called to order.

"We are here, learned sirs," quoth the chairman, rapping with his gavel in an austere manner, "to consider ways and means for eliminating the bloodthirsty methods used in the progress of a game of football. This is a comparatively small matter for men like ourselves, who are accustomed to handling broader subjects with recognized skill, but the public is insistent and views with growing alarm the list of dead and injured each year. Consequently this trivial matter is one which we are here to remedy."

"Mr. Chairman," shouted the presiding executive of a celebrated New England university. "Before proceeding with the trifling subject with which we are expected to deal, I would like to call the attention of the distinguished gentlemen present to my new theory for the prevention of divorce. I believe most of the unfortunate marriages in our beloved country are due to the fact that wives no longer deem it incumbent on themselves to sew buttons on the wearing apparel of their husbands. In order to escape this evidence of devotion, they are actually buying patent buttons which can never come off—"

"Yes, yes, learned brother," interrupted the chairman, "we have seen your announcements in the papers. You are undoubtedly a great genius, but we must get down to business."

"I beg pardon for speaking of this matter at the present time," remarked a portly

gentleman of unusual dignity, even at such a splendid gathering, "but I have in mind a subject upon which I would be glad to have the ideas of my friends here. It is in regard to my recent denouncement of the stage villain. There used to be a time when the villain

of the play was an object of hatred, but nowadays he has n't been out three times in front of the audience till the young ladies who attend matinees are fairly infatuated with him. We must have our stage villains of a less genteel type. There should be a return to the black mustache and revolting silk hat. He must not be allowed to wear those latest style neckties and adorable duck trousers. The handsome, debonair villain in the modern drama of to-day is usually more attractive than the hero. The hero looks like a two-spot—"

"Tut, tut, brother president, you have been mingling too closely with your students. Your language is almost frivolous. But to return to the subject of football—"

"Just one moment, please," interpolated a tall, angular-looking gentleman with a bulging forehead. "I am about to rush into print with a sure preventative for dishonest elections. The country is gradually going to the dogs at every election and I would like to have your opinion of my theory. My idea is to have every candidate for office sign a sworn statement previous to the time of the ballot, that he will immediately resign his office if it is shown that any of his enthusiastic friends voted more than once for him in any precinct. In this way we will be sure to get only honest men in office and the friends of the candidates will not be tempted to stuff the boxes."

"Very good idea, indeed," said the chairman, tapping gently with his gavel; "but we must keep in mind the purpose of our meeting. It is to eliminate the sanguinary features from the game of football—"



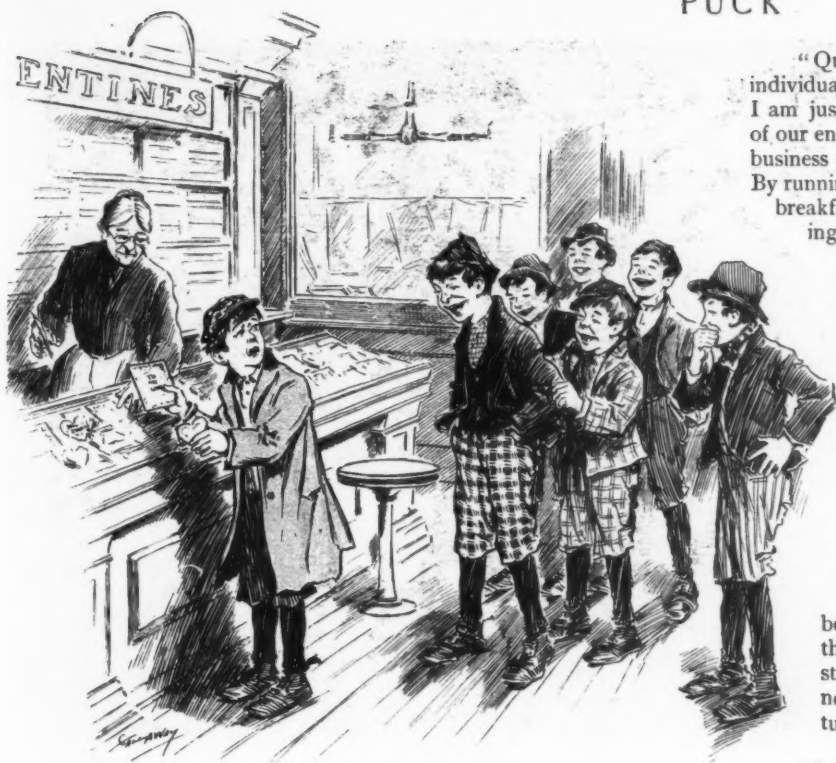
SLIGHTLY OBFUSCATED.

"Does yo', Claud Woollam, take dis yuh lady, Gladys Shinn, to be yo' lawful wedded wife," unctuously demanded good old Parson Bagster, "to love, cherish and abdiccate, in sickness and health, th'oo trials and trivialities, for bettah or wuss, till death do yo'-all pah?"

"Well-uh," a trifle confusedly replied the groom, "I dunnuh prezizely what yo' means by all dat 'ar booktionary transplavication, sah, but I s'picious dat dem's muh sediments. 'Tennyrate, I sho' wants to marry dis lady."

If wishes were autos, beggars would sometimes have to get out and walk.

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GUESS THE ANSWER.

"Ver t'ought nobody seen yer go inter dis valentine store, did n't yer, Willie?"

"Quite right, Mr. Chairman," stated a highly polished looking individual, wiping his glasses on his coat tail. "Yet at the same time I am just about to impress upon the country, through the medium of our enterprising newspapers, the manner in which the average business man may avoid missing his car early in the morning. By running an electric wire from the nearest street corner to his breakfast table, he may arrange matters so that the approaching car or suburban train will ring a little bell. It will then be a simple matter for him to seize his hat and overcoat, kiss his wife farewell, and dash hastily into the street in time to catch his means of locomotion—"

"This is all very fine, gentlemen," said the chairman with a great show of good nature, "but the question now before us is whether more students are killed with the five-yard line in vogue than would be killed with the ten-yard line. What do you think?"

One of the college presidents rose impressively.

"If it pleases you, Mr. Chairman," he said, "we have carefully gone over the matter before us and have decided that we will appoint a committee to visit the students and see what they desire. This is a comparatively unimportant subject and our chief idea is to please the students. They are inclined to be a little rough at times, but we do not desire to disturb the harmonious relations existing between ourselves and the student body. We would prefer to confine whatever roughness may exist to the young men themselves, rather than turn any of it toward the faculties of the various institutions."

"That being the case, gentlemen," remarked the chairman, "I will declare the meeting adjourned. I am glad we reached such an amicable understanding, for now I will have time to catch the 5:30 train home. I want to get in a few moments to-night on my new lecture on 'Why Love in the Kitchen is More Apt to Be Sincere than the Cold Declarations of the Drawing-Room Dude.'"

Robert C. McElravy.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

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ST. VALENTINE'S MISTAKE.



GAVE my heart to Valentine
And bade the rascal not to dally.
Directions read: "These goods consign
To Mistress Sally."

I told him when he reached her side
To tell her of the love I bore her,
And to most ardently confide
My passion for her.

I told him to explain why
I sent the gift. To tell her sweetly
How dear she was, and say that I
Was hers completely.

I told him how to praise her hair,
To say her eyes were star reflections;
In short, I used the greatest care
In my directions.

But when at last he made a start
He must have been confused, I fancy,
For Sally got another's heart;
Mine went to Nancy.

To Nancy now I sing my praise,
No wife in all the world is fairer;
St. Valentine, through all my days
I'll bless your error.

Reynold Smith Pickering.



UPS AND DOWNS OF POLITICS.

CRÆSUS, though ambitious for political
preferment, had about made up his
mind that public office was not for such as he.
"There's a popular prejudice against rich men," he said.
The committee whispered apart for a little.
"Sir," said their spokesman, at length, "we advise you
not to give up."

"No?" said Cræsus. "What then?"

"Give down," said the committee, as with one voice.
Such, it is believed, was the beginning of the campaign fund.

SOMETHING JUST AS BAD.

BOOKLOVER.—I wish to get Stevenson's story, "The Suicide
Club."

BOOKSELLER.—We're just out of that, but here's the year-
book of The Automobile Racing Association.



NO WONDER.

MOTHER STORK.—Henry, your appearance is positively disgraceful!
What *have* you been doing?

FATHER STORK.—Doing? Delivering a package to a leader of the
Smart Set; that's all, my love.

THE BARGAIN HABIT.

AS LENT draws near, my lady gay
Her penance quite bewails,
And scans the papers every day
For sackcloth bargain sales.

SURE WINNER.

SI HAYMOW.—Bill Cummings an' Seth Barlow are both runnin'
after Sarah-Jane Cornhill, ain't they?

RUBE HARDACRES.—Yep; but Seth ain't got no chance with a
feller like Bill. Why, Bill seen her in town one day, an' took her
into ther drug-store an' planked down fifteen cents fer chewin' gum
like it warn't nuthin' at all!

THE STUDS THAT WOULD A-WOOING GO.



I.

MISS SPOONSTEIN.—Vot? Turn oud
der light? Oh, you naughty poy!



II.

"Take off your tiamondt studs, Morris.



III.

"Ah-h-h! Dot's better."



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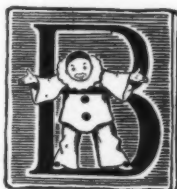
F. P. Adams.

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COURTEOUS SENATORS IN A BODY.
EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON,
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BUSTING THE BEEF TRUST.

(A Farce.)



BEEF TRUST OFFICIAL.—Now then, right at the start, sonny, let us understand each other. If I give you evidence that we are breaking the law here, you'll agree not to prosecute us. Is that correct?

MR. TARFIELD.—That's the idea exactly. Open your books.

BEEF TRUST OFFICIAL.—Not so fast, sonny. Do you contemplate court proceedings in this thing?

MR. TARFIELD.—That depends; but I have no doubt whatever that we can arrange matters amicably. If I find, after listening to your testimony, that no laws have been broken in the conduct of your business, I will doubtless advise the Attorney General to prosecute at once.

BEEF TRUST OFFICIAL.—But, on the other hand —

MR. TARFIELD.—But, on the other hand, if I should be convinced from an examination of your books, that you are violating the statutes, it is of course understood that nothing unpleasant will occur. Naturally, I will appreciate it very much if you will condescend to incriminate yourself for the public good, but at the same time, I will bear constantly in mind the terms of our agreement. You are to give us the means of convicting you solely with the proviso that we do not use it.

BEEF TRUST OFFICIAL.—Your conception of the situation is perfect. And now, sonny, as to the investigation; would you prefer to look first at the books which we will show you, or at those which will be shown to you by us?

IN the game of life, however, the bluff is pretty certain eventually to be called.



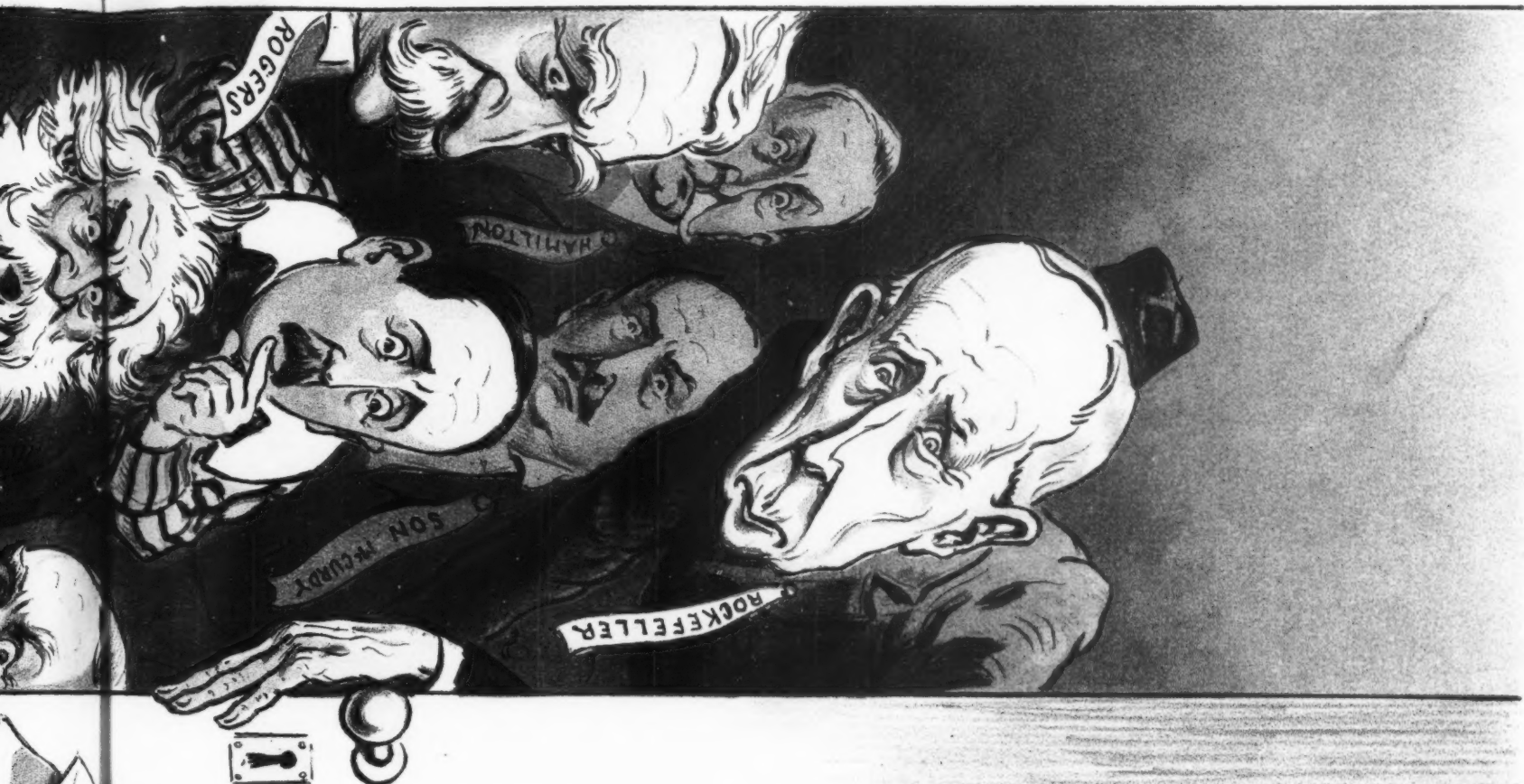
A BACHELOR'S VALENTINE.

It seems possible, too, that to supply the constantly growing demand it will be necessary for them to be born oftener than one every minute.



SHY.

Sr. VALENTINE.—Don't be afraid to take 'em, boys. They're valentines; not subpoenas.



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HIDING HIS LIGHT.

TEACHER.—You 're the dullest pupil I ever saw! What 's the matter with you, anyway?

LITTLE FREDDIE FIREFLY.—I dunno; p'raps my wick needs trimmin'!

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

"OH, YES!" grimly commented Captain Kidd. "Many wicked things I did, as I sailed, as I sailed. I incited a popular song, for one thing. I also murdered William Moore (if I recall the gentleman's name correctly) and left him in his gore, full many a mile from shore, as I sailed, and all that. But I was at least measurably square and above-board about it; I did my sailing under the straight-out piratical skull-and-crossbones flag, instead of the hypocritical cloak of senatorial courtesy, and I grafted only wealthy individuals and not the whole blamed country that supported me, as I sailed!"

RICHNESS.

LITTLE BOY.—My mamma has so much money that she can buy everything she wants to.

LITTLE GIRL.—That's nothing. My mamma is so rich she can buy all the things she does n't want.

THE BEST OF PROOF.



MOSE JOHNSON.—No, Melindy dear, Ah kain't possibly lib wifout you, an' —

A MODERN VALENTINE.

SHY CUPID—you knave—will you tell her I love her? Oh skies, blue and tender, smile gently above her: While sunlight sifts golden, sweet peace to her bringing, And wee, flitting snowbirds cry love in their singing.

I send her a rosebud, my kiss it is holding,
The red petals tremble their secret enfolding;
Oh whisper soft wind in the bending tree's cover,
And tell her rich father, for me, that I love her!

Edith Livingston Smith.

THE LAST CONSIDERATION.

THIS is in many respects a very curious world—to live in. We add this clause because we have had a revelation that has made us believe that it is not so universally used for this purpose as we had supposed—and we intend no mortuary allusion. The other day a humble Student of Human Nature picked up a newspaper containing an advertisement so large and so richly diversified, pictorially, that he sat down and examined it from beginning to end. It was the advertisement of a furniture-store that dealt in such a remarkable variety of goods that the Student could not help wondering why nothing in the whole assortment happened to cost an even sum in round dollars. All manner of things were displayed, from a baby-jumper at \$1.98 to a folding-bed at \$14.73—or vice versa, as you please. But what struck this Student was the marvelous wealth of chairs. There were more kinds of chairs than he had ever seen or heard of, and the special glories of each were set forth below with convincing eloquence. There were colonial chairs, and semi-colonial chairs, and corner chairs, and Empress Josephine chairs, and Buffalo-horn chairs, and tea chairs; and the little oration under the cut of each one set forth a long list of beauties and merits. There

was even a cornucopia chair—yes, indeed; a wonderful structure like a huge half-section of a ram's horn; in which it was easy to see that a man might seat himself by getting a sort of side-saddle twist on him. Directions for getting out probably went with the chair. But, last of all, came the eye-opener for the Student of Human Nature. The cut showed a plain, old-fashioned, padded arm-chair. In the brief discourse underneath, the beauties of this article received due attention, and its unique and peculiar attraction was set forth in the final line, thus:

"AN ELEGANT CHAIR TO SIT IN."

Is it any wonder that the meek Student asked himself if all the other chairs must not be made for a world that could not have been meant to live in?



"—! — Golly! —! —"



"An' dis done prove it!!"

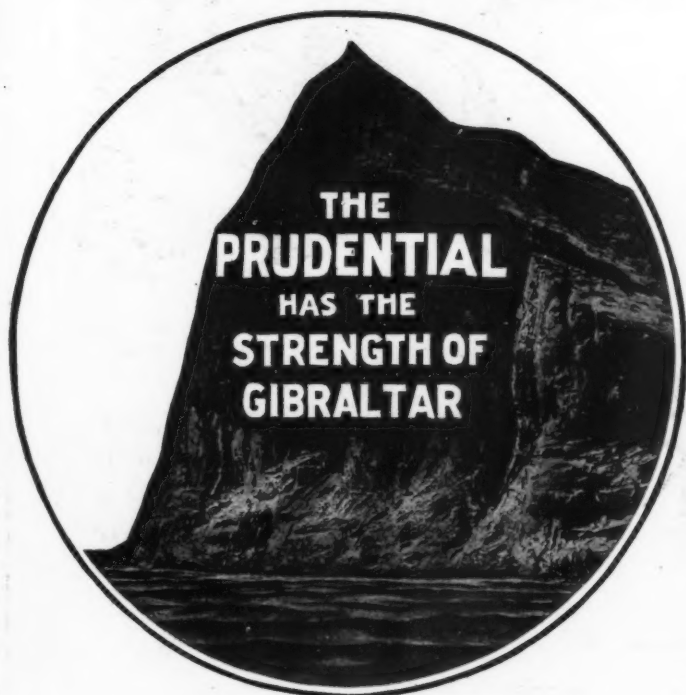
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A SAFE DEFIANCE.

CASTRO.—And how far eet ees zat zose French guns carry ze shell?
THE AIDE.—Not over five miles.
CASTRO.—Aha! Zen I weel defy-a zem exactlee seex miles from zee coast.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

A HAUGHTY COOK.

PATIENCE.—Did the cook give you any notice when she was leaving?
PATRICE.—No; she hardly noticed us at all!—*Yonkers Statesman.*

CHAUNCEY DEPEW may now include Senator Brackett among the number of his "rambunctious friends."—*Chicago Daily News.*

WHEN THE actors form a national association, one of their first acts may be the passage of a resolution calling upon railroads of the United States to set their railway ties even distances apart.—*Somerville Journal.*

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HAPPINESS IN STORE.

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"What makes you think so, Willie?" asked his mother.
"Because pa said when she was here she had lost her tongue."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

GOVERNOR (at the consul's party).—I remember your face perfectly, sir, but your name for the moment has escaped my memory.

STRANGER.—I am delighted to meet you again, Your Excellency. My name is Ivan Petrovitch Swercczskiski.—*Somerville Journal.*

If the Czar succeeds in raising that \$500,000,000 his next great problem will be to hide it where the grand dukes cannot get at it.—*Chicago Daily News.*

LINCOLN STEFFENS has given President Roosevelt a clean bill of political health. President Roosevelt has a high opinion of Lincoln Steffens, but he regards Poultney Bigelow as a literary crook.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

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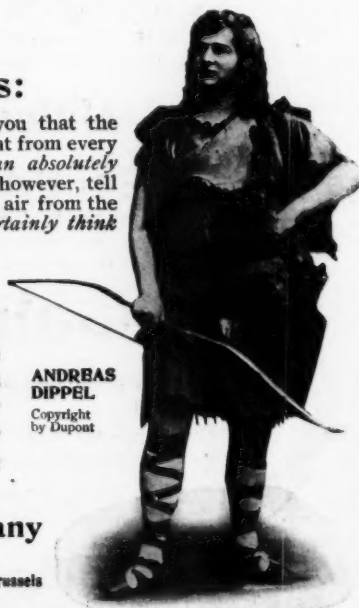
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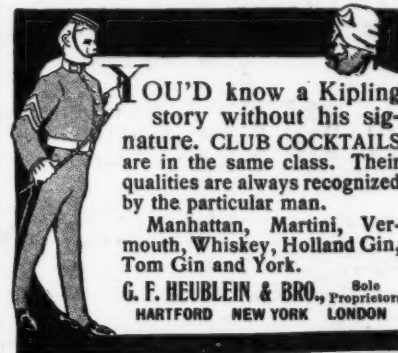
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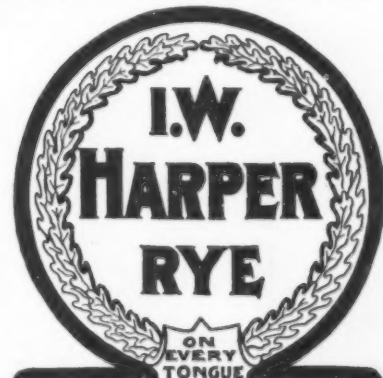
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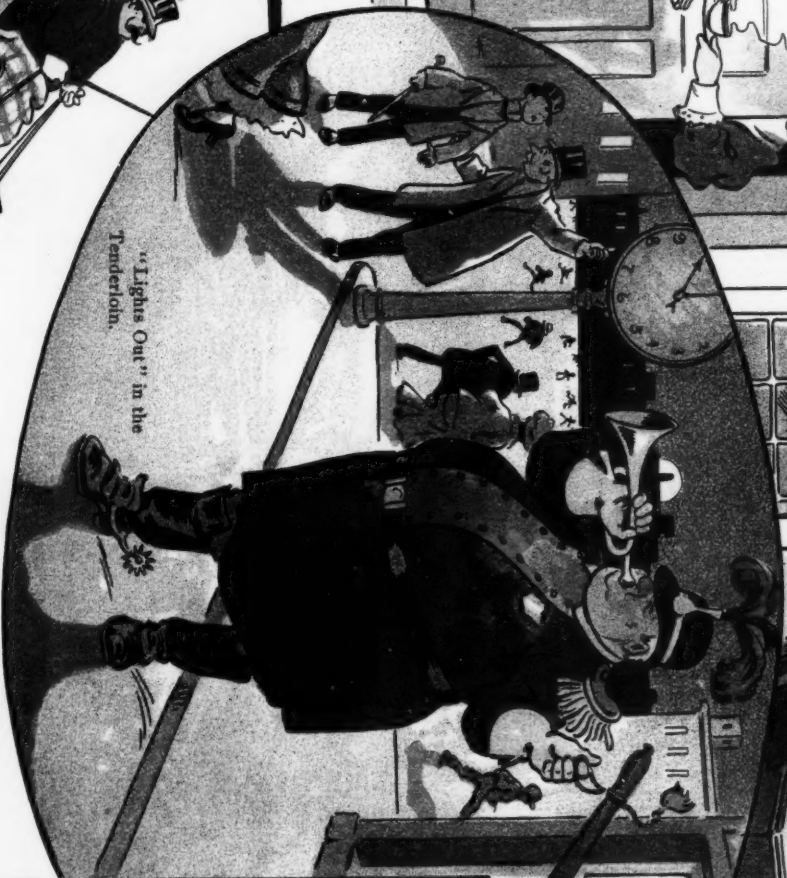
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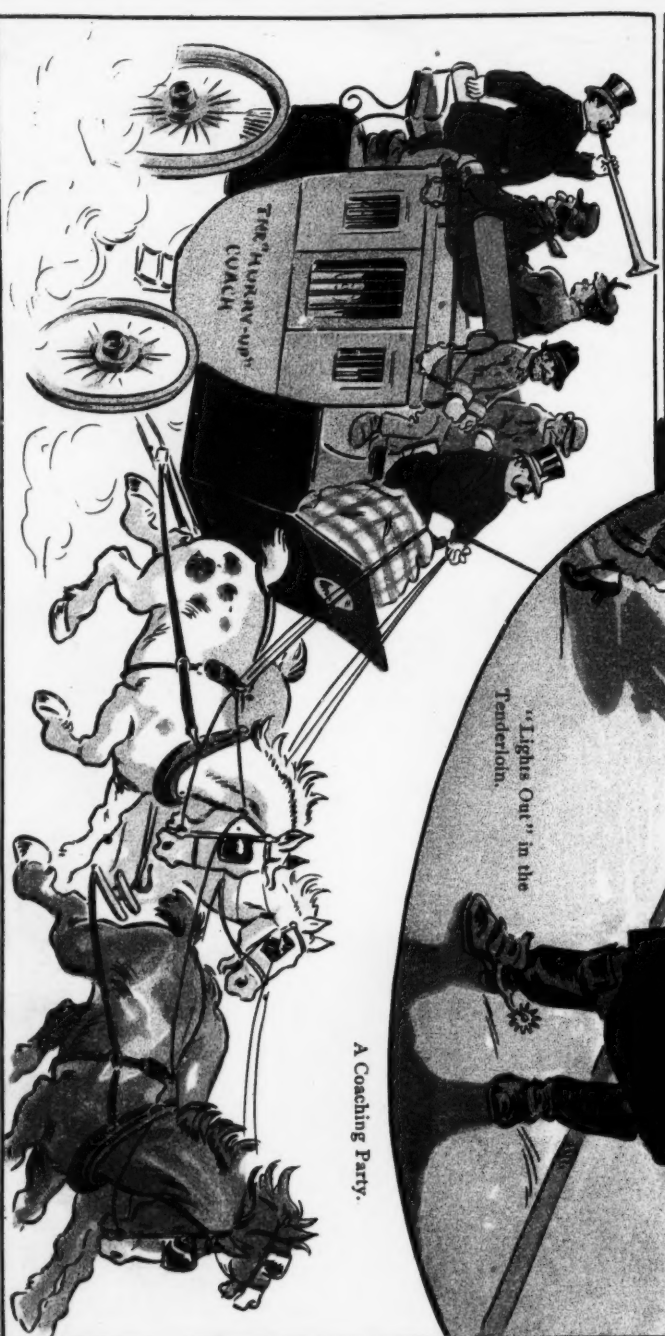
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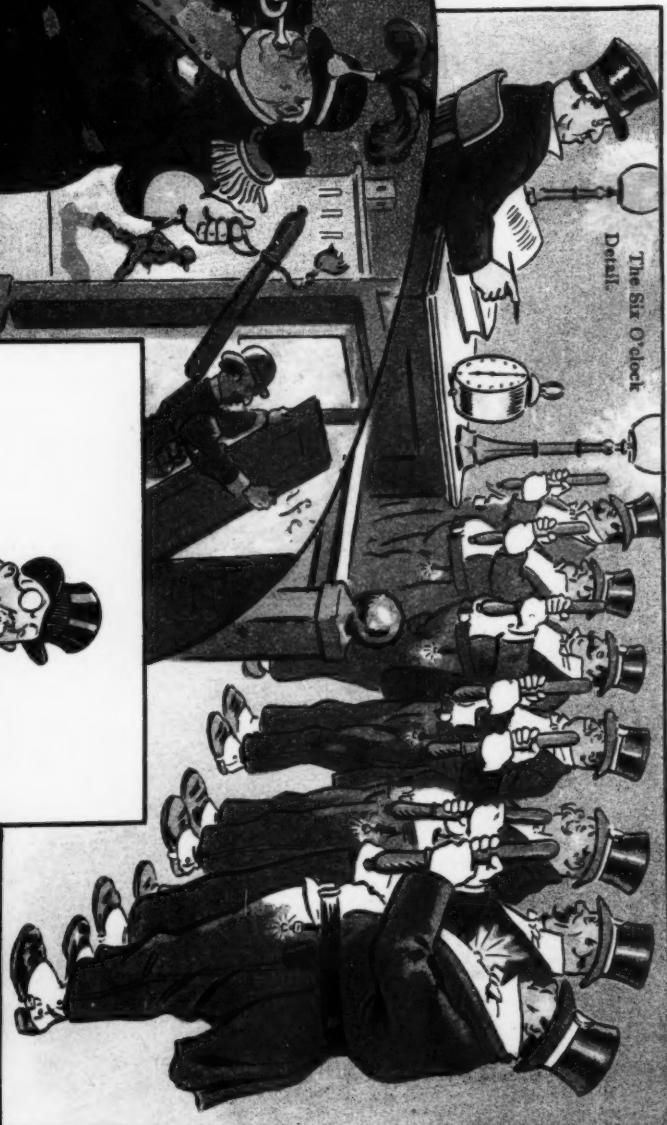
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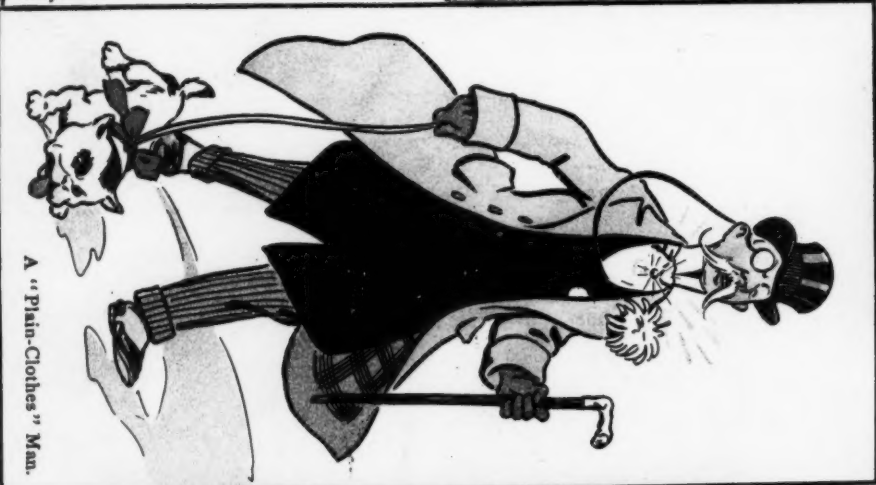
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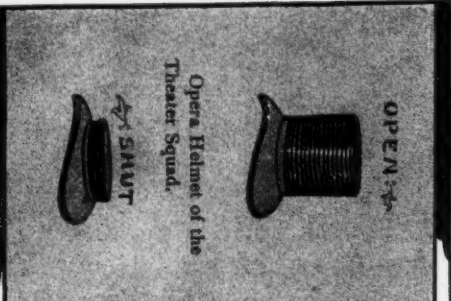
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